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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MODOC.

EDGAR HRRRIS and RUBY B. HARRIS, Husband and Wife; DONALD L. ROSENIDAHL, a Single Man; DONALD D. COOPS and ROSEMARIE COOPS, Husband and Wife; DALE GOODWIN and ANITA GOODWIN, Husband and Wife; WILLIAM COCKRELL and BETTY COCKRELL, Husband and Wife, and FOUR STAR CATTLE CO., a Co-partnership Consisting of D. C. WISE, R. H. KISTLER and MELVIN A. STEVENSON,

JUDGMENT

No. 6903

Plaintiffs

-vs-

ELMER PAGE,Œ ORGE LAXAGUE and CHRIS HANSEN, FIRST DOE, SECOND DOE, THIRD DOE and FOURTH DOE,

Defendants

Defendant Chris Hansen having failed to answer or otherwise plead, default is hereby entered against said Defendant Chris Hansen.

And it further appearing that all of the parties hereto, excepting Defendant Chris Hansen, have entered into a Stipulation for Judgment in the form and substance attached to said Stipulation; and the
Court having duly considered the same, and by Stipulation, Findings
of Fact and Conclusions of Law having been expressly waived,

THEREFORE, by reason of the law and the Stipulation aforesaid, it is

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that said Plaintiffs EDGAR HARRIS and RUBY B. HARRIS, husband and wife, Donald L. Rosendahl, a single man, DONALD D. COOPS and ROSEMARIE COOPS, husband and wife, DALE GOODWIN and ANITA GOODWIN, husband and wife, WILLIAM COCKRELL and BETTY COCKRELL, husband and wife, as Successors in Interest to Four Star Cattle Co., a Co-partnership consisting of D. C. WISE, R. H. KISTLER and MELVIN A. STEVENSON, were, at the commencement of this Action and for many years prior thereto, and their Grantors and Predecessors in Interest, the owners of and in possession of and entitled to possession of, as hereinafter particularly set forth, the lands formerly owned by W. H. Patterson, and said owners with their predecessors in interest, have been in continuous possession of said hereinafter described lands for more than eighty-five (85) years prior to the commencement of this action, as follows:

1. That Plaintiffs Edgar Harris and Ruby B. Harris are now the owners of the following described land, formerly a portion of the W. H. Patterson lands:

Township (41) North, Range (16) East, M.D.B.& M. Parcel 1:

Section 11 -- S 1/2 of S 1/2 \( \sigma \)

Section 12 -- S 1/2 of SW 1/4 and Lot 4 of SE 1/4 <

Section 13 -- NW 1/4 of NW 1/4 V

Section 14 -- N 1/2 of NE 1/47 and NW 1/4

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Parcel 2: N 1/2 of SE 1/4 and the South 2 rods of the S 1/2 of Section 14 NE 1/4 Section 13 -- E 1/2 of NW 1/4, W 1/2 of NE 1/4, SW 1/4 of NW 1/4, N 1/2 of S 1/2, EXCEPT therefrom the East 2 rods of said NW 1/4 of SW 1/4 Parcel 3: Section 11 -- S 1/2 of NW 1/4, N 1/2 of SW 1/4 EXCEPT therefrom a strip of land 2 rods wide off of the North side of the S 1/2 of NW 1/4 of said Section (11) and said strip lying against the Northern end of said S 1/2 of NW 1/4 and extending the full width thereof. An undivided one-half interest in and to the following: Parcel 4: / Beginning at a point 537 feet South of the Northeast corner of the SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 of Section (13), Township (41) North, Range (16) East, M.D.B.& M.; thence East 210 feet; thence North 210 feet to the point of beginning. That Plaintiff Donald L. Rosendahl is now the owner of the following described land, formerly a portion of the W. H. Patterson lands: Township (41) North, Range (16) East, M.D.B.& M. Parcel 1: The SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 and that portion of the W 1/2 of Section 2 SW 1/4 descrived as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of the SW 1/4 of said Section (2); thence East along the North line of the SW 1/4, 80 rods to the Northwest corner of the NE 1/4 of SW 1/4 of said Section (2); thence South along the West line of the NE 1/4 of SW 1/4, a distance of 40 rods; thence West and parallel with the North line of the SW 1/4 of said Section (2), a distance of 74 rods, to a point 6 rods East of the West line of the said Section (2); thence South and parallel with the West line of the SW 1/4 of Section (2), a distance of 120 rods, to the South line of Section (2); thence West along said South line, a distance of 6 rods to the West line of said Section (2); thence North along the said West line of Section (2), a distance of 160 rods to the point of beginning.

Section 31 -- SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 and E 1/2 of SE 1/4.

Parcel 2:

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Section (13) - SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 and SE 1/4 of SW 1/4 Section (24) - NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 and NE 1/4 of NW 1/4

3. That Plaintiffs Donald D. Coops and Rosemarie Coops are now the owners of the following described land, formerly a portion of the W. H. Patterson lands:

Township (41) North, Range (16) East M.D.B.&M.
Section 13 -- SW I/4 of SW I/4 EXCEPTING therefrom a strip of land off the East side thereof as reserved by James D.

Patterson, et ux, in the Deed recorded April 5, 1929 1 in Deed Volume 48, Page 89, Modoc County Records. 2 S 1/2 of S 1/2 S 1/2 of SW 1/4 Section 15 --3 Section 22 -- NW 1/4, SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 and the South 4 rods of the NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 EXCEPT from the SE 1/4 of the NE 1/4, the South 2 rods thereof. Section 23 -- NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, W 1/2 of NE 1/4 and the NW 1/4, 5 EXCEPT from the SW 1/4 of NE 1/4, the South 2 rods as reserved in Deed from Joel C. Allen, Recorded 6 Oct. 5, 1904 in Deed Volume 21, Page 133, Modoc. County Records. ALSO EXCEPT from the S 1/2 of 7 NW 1/4, the South 2 rods thereof. 8 NW 1/4 of NW 1/4, EXCEPT therefrom, a strip of Section 24 -land off the East side thereof as reserved by James D. 9 Patterson, et ux, in the Deed recorded April 5, 1929, Deed Volume 48, Page 89, Modoc County Records. 10 11 That Plaintiffs Dale Goodwin and Anita Goodwin, are now the owners of the following described land, formerly a portion of the W. 12 H. Patterson Lands: Township (41) North, Range (16) East, M.D.B.& M. 13 Parcel 1: Section 10 14 / SE 1/4 Section 15 - N 1/2 of NE 1/4 - EXCEPTING therefrom the South 2 15 rods of the N 1/2 of the NE 1/4 of Section (15) and a tract of land one-half acre square beginning 2 rods 16 North of the Southwest corner of NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of said Section (15) (School House Lot). 17 18 Parcel 2: Section 15/- SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 and all that portion 19 of the SW 1/4 of NE 1/4 and the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 lying East of the Eagleville-Cedarville Highway - EXCEPTING 20 therefoom, a tract of land described as: Beginning at a point where the East line of the Eagleville-Cedarville 21 Highway crosses the South line of the NW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section (15), Township (41) North, Range (16) 22 East, M.D.B.&M., thence East along the said South 23 line 200 feet; thence North 1600 feet; thence West 860 feet more or less, to the East line of said Highway; 24 thence Southeasterly along said East line to the place of beginning. 25 26 That Plaintiffs William Cockrell and Betty Cockrell, Successors in Interest to Four Star Cattle Co., a Co-partnership consisting of 27 D. C. Wise, R. H. Kistler and Melvin A. Hansen, are now the owners of the following described land, formerly a portion of the W. 28 H. Patterson lands: 29 Township (41) North, Range (16) East, M.D.B.& M. 30 Section 22 -The South 2 rods of the SE 1/4 of NE 1/4 31 Section 23 -/ The South 2 rods of the S 1/2 of NW 1/4, and the South 2 rods of the SW 1/4 of NE 1/4, all of the 82 SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, NE 1/4 of SE 1/4. Section 24 - 1 Lots 2 and 3, W 1/2 of SE 1/4, E 1/2 of SW 1/4, SW 1/4 of NW 1/4 and NW 1/4 of SW 1/4.

Parcel 2:
Section 27 -- S 1/2 of NW 1/4, SW 1/4 of NE 1/4, SW 1/4, NW 1/4, of SE 1/4, SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, EXCEPTING therefrom the following described tract: Beginning at the Southeast corner of the SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 of said Section (27), Township (41) North, Range (16) East, M.D.B. & M.; thence running North 35 rods; thence running West at right angles, 45 rods; thence running South 35 rods; thence running East 45 rods, to the place of beginning.

Section 27 -- SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, EXCEPTING about 8 acres, located East of the Cedarville-Eagleville Highway; ALSO EXCEPTING 2.52 acres, more or less, in favor of the County of Modoc, by Deed dated Oct. 21, 1941, recorded March 8, 1946, Official Records, Vol. 63 at page 428.

6. That William Cockrell and Betty Cockrell are now the owners of and in possession of a portion of the lands formerly owned by Frank Mc Clintock, particularly described as follows:

Township (41) North, Range (16) East, M/D.B.& M.

Section 14 - N 1/2 of SW 1/4 and the North 78 rods of S 1/2 of NE 1/4.

Parcel 2:
Section 15 - S 1/2 of SE 1/4 - EXCEPTING therefrom a strip of land 2 rods wide as conveyed by Deed, recorded
July 30, 1896 in Book 12 Page 474 of Deeds, Modoc
County Records, for road purposes. ALSO EXCEPTING therefrom a portion conveyed to the County of
Modoc by Deed recorded March 8, 1946 in Book 63,
Page 426, Official Records, Modoc County Records.

Parcel 3:

Section 22 - NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 and W 1/2 of NE 1/4 - EXCEPTING therefrom a strip of land 2 rods wide as conveyed
by Deed recorded July 30, 1896 in Book 12, Page 474
of Deeds, Modoc County Records, for road purposes.
ALSO EXCEPTING therefrom the South 4 rods of
the NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of said Section 22, as conveyed
by Deed recorded February 13, 1943 in Book 52,
Page 151, Official Records, Modoc County Records.
ALSO EXCEPTING therefrom, a portion conveyed
to the County of Modoc by Deed recorded May 8,1946
in Book 63, Page 426, Official Records, Modoc County
Records.

That said Defendant Thelma Archer, Administratrix of the Estate of Elmer Page, aka William Elmer Page, deceased, and Sole Heir at Law, is now the owner of the following described land, situate in the County of Modoc, State of California:

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Section 24 -- Southwest quarter of the Southwest quarter,

And Containing in all 270 acres, more or less.

That said Defendant George Laxague is the owner and now in possession of the following described land, situate in the County of Modoc, State of California:

Township (41) North, Range (16) East, M.D.B.& M. Section 23 - The West ten (10) acres of the Southeast quarter of the Southwest quarter.

That all of the lands above described are agricultural and farm ing lands, and adapted to agriculture and farming, and are now being used and farmed by the said Plaintiffs and Defendants for agricultural purposes to-wit: For raising hay, alfalfa, grain, fruits, vegetables and pasture, and that said lands have been so owned and occupied, possessed and farmed by the said Plaintiffs and Defendants and their predecessors, for a period of more than eighty (80) years last passed, continuously preceeding the commencement of this action, and that during all of said period, these Plaintiffs and Defendants, and their predecessors have kept, fed and pastured large numbers of horses and cattle and other stock thereon, and have harvested said crops growing on said lands, each and every year.

That the climate in which all of said land is situated is an arid climate, and that the character of said land and the soil thereon, and the climate in which said lands are situated are such that irrigation is necessary upon the said lands in order to produce valuable crops thereon, and that irrigation is necessary and indispensable to the fertility and value of said lands and the whole thereof, for any agricultural purposes, and that without such irrigation, the said lands and the whole thereof, would become barren, sterile and valueless, and useless and worthless for agricultural purposes.

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That a stream of water called Cottonwood Creek rises in the Warner Range of mountains, situated in Modoc County, to the West of the lands of Plaintiffs and Defendants herein described, and flows in an Easterly direction win well-defined channels to, upon, over and across and near to said lands of Plaintiffs and Defendants, and has so flowed since time immemorial; that at the start of the irrigation season, about the first of April each year, the flow of the waters of said Cottonwood Creek will flow approximately about five thousand (5,000) inches measured under a four inch pressure, but, as the season advances, the flow in said Cottonwood Creek diminishes so that by the first of July in each year, the flow of the waters in said Cottonwood Creek has diminished to about twelve hundred (1,200) inches, measured under a four inch pressure.

That Plaintiffs and Defendants Thelma Archer as Administratrix of the Estate of Elmer Page, deceased, and George Laxague and all of their predecessors in interest, have for more than eighty (80) years appropriated and diverted and used the waters of Cottonwood Creek onto said lands belonging to said Plaintiffs and Defendants Thelma Archer as Administratrix of the Estate of Elmer Page, deceased, and George Laxague, sufficient in amount and quantity to irrigate their aforesaid llands, for the purposes aforesaid, and for stock and domestic purposes.

That the said waters so appropriated and used by Plaintiffs and Defendants Thelma Archer, as Administratrix of the Estate of Elmer Page, deceased, and George Laxague, aforesaid, and the whole thereof, are necessary and indispensable to the growing of crops of hay, grain, pasture, alfalfa, fruits and vegetables upon the said lands of Plaintiffs and Defendants Thelma Archer as Administratrix of the Estate of Elmer Page, deceased, and George Laxague, and that with the said waters of said Cottonwood Creek so appropriated and used by the said Plaintiffs and Defendants and their predecessors in interest,

Plaintiffs and Defendants can and do produce valuable crops of hay, grain alfalfa, pasturage, vegetables and fruits, but without the waters of said Cottonwood Creek, so appropriated and used by said Plaintiffs and Defendants and their predecessors in interest, their said crops planted on said lands would cease to grow, would not mature and would dry up, and the said lands and the whole thereof would become unproductive, barren, sterile and of small value.

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That by Agreement and Stipulation of all Plaintiffs and Defendants Thelma Archer, as Administratrix of the Estate of Elmer Page, deceased, and George Laxague, it is

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that, irrespective of whether the claimed water rights are appropriated as claimed by Defendants Thelma Archer, as Administratrix of the Estate of Elmer Page, and George Laxague, or appropriated riparian, by adverse prescription or by contract, as claimed by Plaintiffs, said waters of Cottonwood Creek shall be and are Determined and Adjudged to be, on an equal priority basis, irrespective of the nature of said claimed rights, and it is

FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that no rights herein of any of the respective parties are superior to the rights of the other parties, but that all of said water rights stand upon an equal parity and priority basis in the following percentages of their rights to the flow of waters in said Cottonwood Creek, measured under a four inch pressure, as follows:

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In connection with the above determined percentages, and for illustrative purposes only, when the flow of the waters of Cottonwood Creek equal one thousand inches (1,000) minimum at the measuring box at the mouth of the canyon of said Cottonwood Creek, said 1,000 inches of the flow, measured under a 4" pressure, would be divided and diverted, in inches, as follows:

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Thelma Archer, as Successor in Interest		
to Elmer Page, deceased,	60.00	inches
George Laxague	5.4	н .
William Cockrell and Betty Cockrell, as		
owners of a portion of the Frank Mc-	•	
Clintock lands	180.38	11
Edgar Harris and Ruby B. Harris	475.61	11
Dale Goodwin and Anita Goodwin	125.35	11
William Cockrell and Betty Cockrell, as		
Successors in Interest to Four Star		
Cattle, Co., a Co-partnership consisting		
of D. C. Wise, R. H. Kistler and		•
Melvin A. Stevenson	55.74	
Donald L. Rosendahl	55.74	្តអ
Donald D. Coops and Rosemarie Coops	41.78	· 11
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That irrespective of the flow of said Cottonwood Creek, the above named percentages would apply and be employed, except as hereinafter provided.

that each of the parties hereto shall take, divert and receive, from their respective percentages as above set forth, such waters from the flow of said Cottonwood Creek as is necessary for their stock and domestic purposes, provided, however, that as to Defendants Thelma Archer, as Administratrix of the Estate of Elmer Page, deceased, and George Laxague, at such time as the total flow to which they shall be entitled in the above percentages from the waters of Cottonwood Creek, will not and does not, when diverted through the "Page Ditches" reach the westerly side of the presently existing Modoc County Road 1A, then, in such event, all of the Defendants water rights and the flow thereof if r o m Cottonwood of the presently existing Modoc County shall be diverted during such time as said flow will not reach the westerly side of Modoc County Road 1A, shall be diverted to the

use of the other users herein of Cottonwood Creek.

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that at such times in each calendar year that the flow in Cottonwood Creek is so reduced that the allocated percentages to Plaintiff Donald L. Rosendahl, Plaintiffs Donald D. Coops and Rose Marie Coops, and William Cockrell and Betty Cockrell, as successors in interest to Four Star Cattle Company, are not, when diverted through what is commonly known as the "Minto Ditch" reach the West side of Modoc County Road 1-A, then and only in such event, all of their flow in Cottonwood Creek shall thereupon be diverted into what is commonly known as the "Sand Hill Ditch" as follows: four-fifths (4/5ths) of all said flow to Plaintiffs Edgar Harris and Ruby B. Harris and Plaintiffs Dale Goodwin and Anita Goodwin, and one-fifth (1/5th) to Plaintiffs William Cockrell and Betty Cockrell, as owners of a portion of the Frank McClintock lands.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that each of the parties hereto shall, and they are hereby ordered, to construct and maintain suitable diversion boxes and measuring devices to adequately and properly facilitate the distribution and the diversion of water as provided by this Decree, that is to say, that each party here to shall be responsible for suitable and adequate boxes and measuring devices where the respective owner's water is diverted from the main diversion box at the mouth of Cottonwood Creek Canyon, and further responsible for his proportionate share of diversion boxes and measuring devices at subsequent points on his ditch where additional diversions are necessary or desirable.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Plaintiffs herein are not entitled to, and have no interest or claim or other right, in and to the natural flow of the waters of what is commonly known as Little Cottonwood Creek, also known as Mosquito Creek, but that all of said waters of Little Cottonwood Creek, aka Mosquito Creek, are wholly owned by Defendant Thelma Archer,

Administratrix of the estate of Elmer Page, deceased, and Sole Heir at Law.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that the respective rights of the Plaintiffs, and Defendants Thelma Archer, Administratrix of the Estate of Elmer Page, deceased, and George Laxague and each of them, their heirs, assigns, executors, administrators and grantees, and all persons acting under or through them, or any of them, have superior rights, as herein set forth, to all other persons of every kind and nature claiming any of the waters of Cottonwood Creek, and said all other persons, including Defendant Chris Hansen, their heirs, assigns, executors, administrators and grantees, are hereby restricted and enjoined from, in any manner or by any means, interfering with, impeding or obstructing the flow of the waters of said Cottonwood Creek so owned by Plaintiffs and Defendants Thelma Archen, Administratrix of the Estate of Elmer Page, deceased, and Sole Heir at Law, and George Laxague, as herein Decreed and Adjudged, to and upon the lands of said Plaintiffs and Defendants Thelma Archer, Administratrix of the Estate of Elmer Page, deceased, and George Laxague, as herein described, or from, in any manner or by any means, interfering with the ditches of Plaintiffs and Defendants, Thelma Archer, Administratrix of the Estate of Elmer Page, deceased, and George Laxague, or any of said diversion boxes and/or ditches leading from the channel of said Cottonwood Creek to and upon the said lands of said Plaintiffs and Defendants, or any part or portion thereof.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiffs and Defendants,
Thelma Archer, Administratrix of the Estate of Elmer Page, deceased,
and Sole Heir at Law, and George Laxague, shall each pay their
respective costs of said Action.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a Certified Copy of this Decree be filed for record in the Office of the Recorder of the said County of Modoc, and that the same be recorded in the Records of

the said County of Modoc.

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_\_lecumber, 1964.

Judge of the Superior Court